Schools where they are provided accelerated bridging education, vocational training, stipend, nutrition and health care facilities etc. In addition, an INDO — US Project is also being implemented in 21 selected districts in five States in the country.

(b) and (c) The District Child Labour Project Society headed by the District Collector implements the NCLP Scheme including the work of identifying child labours collecting their full address and educating and training them etc. It is open to the Project Society to involve the Non-Governmental Organizations, if required.

(d) Complaints if any, received from time to time are referred to the concerned authorities for appropriate action.

Penalty on late payment of Provident Fund contribution

968. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has revised the rates of penalty for employees in case of late payment of Provident Fund contribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether employees were consulted before the rates were revised; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. There is no penalty prescribed for employees in case of late Provident Fund contribution under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Job loss due to global recession

969. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that around one crore job cuts during this financial year;

(b) if so, whether in addition over 50 million could lose jobs by end of 2009;

(c) whether many Indian employees in gulf are returning to India as a global recession and nearly 20,000 during last four months from UAE and also in just three months five lakhs workers were axed;

(d) if so, to what extent NREGA initiated by Government has been able to provide jobs to jobless; and

(e) what concrete steps and measures Government propose to take to meet situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There are no job cuts under NREGA.

(c) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 is applicable in all the rural areas of the country. It is demand driven. The Act provides for a legal guarantee of 100 days of employment to every rural household in a financial year whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Thus, all rural households can apply for job under NREGA.

(d) NREGA was implemented in 200 identified districts in its first phase with effect from 2.2.2006 and was extended to 130 additional districts in the second phase during 2007-08. All the remaining rural areas in the country have been covered under the Act with effect from 1.4.2008. 2.10 crore households were provided employment under NREGA during 2006-07, 3.39 crore households have been provided employment during 2007-08 and 3.81 crore have been benefited during 2008-09, up to January, 2009.

(e) Ministry has advised all States to closely monitor their programmes to ensure that atleast all BPL families willing to do unskilled manual work are covered under NREGA. Besides providing unskilled manual work, the Act also generates skilled jobs in the form of engineers, administrative officers, Assistants, Accountants, ICT personnel. States have been directed to deploy adequate number of dedicated staff with the implementing agencies. The Ministry has also insisted on 100% ICT facilities at Block level in terms of personnel, Computers, training by professional and connectivity. The Ministry has allowed States to outsource work to professionals for technical support on any of the programme aspects such as works, MIS, help lines, evaluation and studies. This can help generate employment for professionals in the market.

NREGA Guidelines permit one time expenses for non-recurring items like computers, printers, cupboards/office racks and other necessary office equipments to facilitate proper maintenance of records and administrative functioning. All Blocks need to have computers dedicated to NREGA with required connectivity. All Gram Panchayats, Programme officers and District Programme Coordinator's office are to have basic necessary office equipments. This will not only increase office efficiency but will also give an impetus to local economy in the manufacturing sector.

Utilisation of funds under IAY and PMGSY in Orissa

970. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total funds allocated to Orissa in the year of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 in Indira Awaas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and the precut of utilization at the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): The details of funds allocated to Orissa and funds utilized